

REMARKS

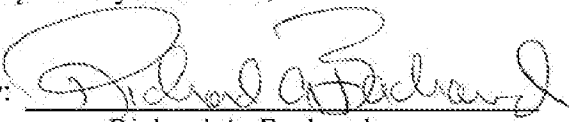
Claims 1-24 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,381,225. Note that there are no amendments to the claims in this response. To obviate the rejection, a terminal disclaimer executed by the Applicant's attorney is being submitted with this response. With the filing of the terminal disclaimer, the pending 24 claims are now allowable, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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